

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0508

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Mr. Michael Huerta
Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20251

Dear Administrator Huerta:

I write to you today regarding the recently implemented Southern California Metroplex Project (Project). As you're aware, the Project altered flight patterns to/from Ontario International Airport (ONT). The new flight path takes aircraft directly over San Bernardino County's most populated unincorporated community of Lake Arrowhead dozens of times per day

Over the past several weeks, my office was contacted by a number of constituents from Lake Arrowhead regarding elevated engine noise from aircraft approaching ONT. In fact, a group of residents submitted a petition with 235 signatures denouncing the new pattern. It's clear that this matter has become a quality of life issue for my constituents.

Lake Arrowhead and surrounding communities in the San Bernardino County mountains are rural in nature. A major component of the local economy is tourism, and many of the residents fear that the engine noise will adversely affect this sector of business. Visitors and residents come to the mountains to enjoy the tranquil atmosphere it provides. In addition, many of my constituents are concerned that property values will fall as a result of the undesirable noise levels.

Prior to the implementation of the Project, the approach pattern into ONT took aircraft just a few miles east of the current route. The consensus among local residents is that noise levels were acceptable at that time. I respectfully request that your agency consider altering the current approach pattern to bring engine noise to previous levels.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this matter with you or your staff. Please contact Matt Knox in my Apple Valley District Office to make arrangements. He can be reached by phone at (760) 247-1815.

Very Respectfully,



Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
U.S. Congressman, 8th District